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1. CHARGE MET FEBRUARY 19 WITH PAVEL KANKA, HEAD OF MFA'S DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION, TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR MRS. DILLON'S CANDIDACY. KANKA HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED BY CZECH REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO. CHARGE REVIEWED MRS. DILLON'S QUALIFICATIONS AS SET FORTH PARAS 3 THRU 9 REFTTEL, AND LEFT BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH BASED ON THOSE PARAS.

2. KANKA SAID THAT GOC HAS NOT YET TAKEN ANY DECISION ON WHICH CANDIDATE TO SUPPORT. WHILE ADMITTING THAT MRS. DILLON IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR POST, KANKA SAID HE HAD NO IDEA HOW MUCH BACKING SHE HAS. AS GOC FRANKLY "DOES NOT CARE" WHICH OF THREE PRESENT CANDIDATES IS ELECTED, PRIMARY INTEREST HERE IS IN BACKING THE WINNER. THUS, UNLESS CLEAR CONSENSUS DEVELOPS FOR ONE CANDIDATE PRIOR TO ELECTION, HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY GOC COMMITMENT PRIOR TO BALLOTING SESSION.

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